

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) Method for producing connecting plates ~~(2)~~ of hydrostatic machines with the following method steps:

producing an extruded profile ~~(44)~~;

cutting the extruded profile ~~(44)~~ to length into connecting plate-blanks ~~(45)~~;

further processing of the connecting plate-blanks ~~(45)~~ cut to length, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the extruded profile ~~(44)~~ is cut to length into connecting plate-blanks ~~(45)~~ of various thicknesses.

2. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the extruded profile ~~(44)~~ is produced by continuous casting or extruding.

3. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the extruded profile ~~(44)~~ is produced at least partially from aluminium, iron or copper, or from an alloy with at least one of these metals.

4. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cutting to length takes place by sawing, laser cutting, water jet cutting or by a burning out method.

5. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in cross-section, the contour of the extruded profile ~~(44)~~ and the contour of the connecting plate ~~(2)~~ are congruent.

6. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~wherein the extruded profile (44) is cut to length into at least two connecting
plate-blanks (45).

7. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~wherein during further processing of the connecting plate-blanks (45) cut to
length from the extruded profile (44), a pressure channel (16D), a suction channel (16S), a blind
bore (19), a groove (39) and/or a connecting line (38) are introduced into the connecting plate-
blank (45).

8. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~wherein during further processing of the connecting plate-blanks (45) cut to
length from the extruded profile (44) the connecting plate-blank (44) is deburred.

9. (Currently amended) Connecting plate (1) of a hydrostatic machine, the connecting plate (2)
being produced from an extruded profile (44) and the connecting plate being made from a
connecting plate-blank (45) which is cut off from the extruded profile (44),

~~characterized in that~~wherein in cross-section the contour of the extruded profile (44) and
the contour of the connecting plate (2) are congruent and in that a blind bore (19) and a groove
(39) and/or a connection line (38) are introduced into the connecting plate-blanks 45 which are
cut to length.

10. (Currently amended) Connecting plate according to claim 9,

~~characterized in that~~wherein the connecting plate (2) is produced from an extruded profile (44) which is produced by continuous casting or extruding.

11. (Currently amended) Connecting plate according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~,

~~characterized in that~~wherein the connecting plate (2) is produced from an extruded profile (44) which consists at least partially of aluminium, iron or copper or from an alloy with at least one of these metals.

12. (Currently amended) Connecting plate according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~claim 9,

~~characterized in that~~wherein the connecting plate-blank (45) from which the connecting plate (2) is made, is cut off from the extruded profile (44) by sawing, laser cutting, water jet cutting or by a burning out method.